

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus having at least three modes of operation and including a first user-interface comprising ~~an output-only~~ a display and a second user interface comprising a keypad, the apparatus including:

first and second housing members each having a first surface and an opposite second surface,

the first user interface, ~~comprising said output-only display~~, being provided at the first surface of the first housing member and the second user interface being provided at the first surface of the second member, and

a connecting mechanism for movably connecting the first and second housing members, wherein a position of the first and second members relative to each other determines a mode of operation of the apparatus such that:

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a second closed position such that the second surface of the first housing member is closed toward one surface of the other housing member such that the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible, the apparatus is in a standby mode of operation in which the first user interface is active and the second user interface in inactive,

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a first closed position such that the first surface of the first member is closed toward one surface of the other member such that the first user interface and the second user interface are inaccessible, the apparatus is in an inactive mode of operation in which both the first user interface and the second

user interface are inactive, and

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned apart from each other in an open position, the apparatus comprises a fully operational active mode of operation in which both the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible and active.

Claims 2 – 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus comprises one and only one display.

Claims 6 – 11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is switched off in the first closed position.

13. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a mobile telephone.

14. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

Claims 15 - 16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device comprising:
a first housing and a second housing, each housing comprising a first surface and a second, opposing surface, said first housing including a first user interface comprising an output-only display disposed in the first surface thereof and said second housing comprising a second user interface in the first surface thereof;

a pivot mechanism that permits the first and second housings to be pivoted between:

an open position, wherein the device is in a fully operational active mode of operation, in which the first and second housings are connected to each other and are arranged generally end-to-end with each other, and wherein both the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible and active;

a second closed position, wherein the device is in a standby mode, in which the first and second housings are connected and the second surfaces of the first and second housings, respectively, face each other such that, in the second closed position, both the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible, wherein the first user interface is active and the second user interface is inactive; and

a first closed position, wherein the device is in inactive mode, in which the first and second housings are connected and the first surfaces of the first and second housings, respectively, face each other such that, in the first closed position, both the first user interface and the second user interface are inaccessible and inactive;

means for automatically detecting when the device is in the first open position, the first closed position, or the second closed position; and

means for automatically entering the corresponding mode responsive to the means for detecting.

Claims 18 - 26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 17 further comprising means for enabling a user of the device to select at least the standby mode and the inactive mode.

Claims 28 - 35. (Cancelled).

36. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 1, wherein an effective size of said first user interface is a same size whether in said fully operational active mode or said standby mode.

37. (Previously Presented) The portable communications device of Claim 17, wherein an effective size of said first user interface is a same size whether in said fully operational active mode or said standby mode.

38. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 1, wherein in said standby mode of said second closed position, said first user interface may display information associated with said standby.

39. (Previously Presented) The portable communications device of Claim 17, wherein said standby mode of said second closed position, said first user interface may display information associated with said standby state.

40. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said first user interface is a liquid crystal display (LCD).

41. (Previously Presented) The portable communications device of Claim 17, wherein said first user interface is a liquid crystal display (LCD).

42. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said fully operational active mode of operation is a first active mode of operation.

43. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of Claim 17, wherein said fully operational active mode of operation is a first active mode of operation.

44. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim

1, wherein said standby mode is a second active mode of operation.

45. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of Claim 17, wherein said standby mode is a second active mode of operation.

46. (New) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 1, wherein a user determines a configuration for said portable electronic communication apparatus for each closed configuration, which is automatically selected when the electronic communication apparatus is placed in a respective closed configuration.

47. (New) A portable electronic communication apparatus having a single display and at least three modes of operation, said three modes including a first user-interface comprising said display and a second user interface comprising a keypad, the apparatus including:

first and second housing members each having a first surface and an opposite second surface,

the first user interface being provided at the first surface of the first housing member and the second user interface being provided at the first surface of the second member, and

a connecting mechanism for movably connecting the first and second housing members, wherein a position of the first and second members relative to each other determines a mode of operation of the apparatus as determined by the user such that:

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a

second closed position such that the second surface of the first housing member is closed toward one surface of the other housing member such that the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible, the apparatus is in a first user-selected mode of operation;

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a first closed position such that the first surface of the first member is closed toward one surface of the other member such that the first user interface and the second user interface are inaccessible, the apparatus is in a second user-selected mode of operation; and

when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned apart from each other in an open position, the apparatus comprises a fully operational active mode of operation in which both the first user interface and the second user interface are fully accessible and active.

48. (New) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 47, wherein said first and second user-selected modes are selected from the group consisting of:

a standby mode of operation in which the first user interface is active and the second user interface is inactive; and

an inactive mode of operation in which both the first user interface and the second user interface are inactive.

49. (New) The portable electronic communication apparatus of Claim 48, wherein said first and second user-selected modes are different modes.